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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (August 1-7, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 2001 and previous

(U) Sensitive but unclassified - please protect accordingly.

11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) During the August 1-7, 2007 reporting period, seven GOT security officials were killed, six during clashes with PKK terrorists and one when a land mine exploded. An additional eight security officials were wounded in land mine explosions.

13. (U) In the same period, 14 PKK terrorists were killed in action and three were captured.

14. (U) The TGS website reported five clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered seven PKK shelters/caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) On August 4, a villager was kidnapped by the PKK and then killed in Gulpinar, Van Province.

16. (U) On August 6, the PKK released eight villagers that it had kidnapped on July 31 in Baskale, Van Province.

17. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
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May 2007	40
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June 2007	40
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July 2007 15
August 1-7, 2007 5

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA
June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA
July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA
August 1-7, 2007 7 KIA, 8 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered
August 1-7, 2007 14 KIA, 3 captured, 0 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113

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June 2007 50
July 2007 28
August 1-7, 2007 7

18. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES KIA WIA

JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4
APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
JULY	10	14
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	7	8
TOTAL	81	147

PKK

	KIA	Captured	Surrendered
JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3

JUNE	34	16	17
JULY	11	10	13
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	14	3	0
TOTAL	111	102	47

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
JULY	1	3

AUGUST 1-7, 2007	1 (by the PKK)	0
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TOTAL	19	114
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* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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